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Appendix V.

[Vide answer to question No. 2375 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 27th August 1926, page 238 supra.]

Statement showing the mileages, cost of maintenance, etc., of trunk roads in the Malabar and South Kanara districts passing over the Western Ghauts.

District.	Name of road.	By whom maintained.	Mileage.		Average cost of maintenance per mile.	
			Miles.	Furlongs.	1924–25.	1925–26.
					RS.	RS.
Malabar	(1) Madras-Calicut road ..	District Board.	93	5	388	395
	(2) Gudalur-Calicut road ..	Do.	40	5	503	463
	(3) Gudalur-Vaittri-Calicut road.	Do.	19	1	429	764
	(4) Tellicherry-Coorg road.	Public Works Department.	34*	..	1,836	2,737
	(5) Calicut-Mysore road ..	Do.	73	..	1,344	1,632
South Kanara.	(6) Mangalore-Mercara road.	District Board.	65	7	518	No information.

* Of these 34 miles, 31 miles and 6 furlongs are maintained by the Public Works Department.

Appendix VI.

[Vide answer to question No. 2378 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 27th August 1926, page 242 supra.]

Copy of letter No. 860 *I./26-2, dated* 10*th April.* 1926, *to* M.R.Ry. *J. A. Saldanha Avargal, M.L.C., "Belmond House," Kankanady P.O., Mangalore.*

With reference to your letter dated 10th March 1926 forwarding a copy of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the Warghardars of Uppinangady taluk held on 25th October 1925, I am to furnish you with the following particulars in respect of the resolutions :—

(i) Assignment of cultivable area in reserved forests :

The Government had already instructed the Chief Conservator to take necessary steps to make the cultivable lands in the reserved forests of the South Kanara district available for cultivation either by disforestation or by the grant of forest leases.

(ii) Setting back of reserve boundary to a mile beyond lands under cultivation.

The Government have laid down that they are unable to accept the principle that proximity to occupied areas should in itself, justify disafforestation of reserve but that when specific instances are brought to notice, and it can be shown prima facie that proximity causes hardship they will be ready to institute the necessary enquiries and give redress if possible.

(iii) Erection of a substantial wall or fence around reserved forests to prevent forest fires extending to private lands and forests and to prevent wild animals coming from forests.

The Government do not consider that this suggestion is feasible considering the enormous expenditure that would be involved in such an undertaking. They see no reason to believe that forest fires extend to private holdings and cause hardship. As to protection from wild animals, shooting licences can be obtained from District Magistrates.

(iv) Remission of cattle fee from the Warghardars of Uppinangady taluk.

The grazing fee in this district has not been recently enhanced and so there is no reason to complain that the "Cattle fee is increasing year by year."

(v) Giving up of reserved forests of this taluk to prevent excessive rain and devastation of crops by wild animals.

The forests in South Kanara contain very valuable timber and cannot therefore be given up.

2. The resolutions regarding the sale of dead timber and sale of cane to contractors are being sent to the Chief Conservator for such action as he may consider necessary. The resolutions regarding the system of charging seigniorage for trees and resettlement have been sent to the Revenue Department for necessary action.

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